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- 1. SUMMARY: ZAIRIAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE BUTARE COLLOQUIUM, PROFESSORS DJELO AND LUMPUNGU, DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. THEY BELIEVE SUCH COLLOQUIUMS WILL ENVIGORATE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ZAIRIAN REPRESENTATIVES AT BUTARE, DJELO OSAKA EMPENGE, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND LUMPUNGU KAMANDA, DEAN OF ECONOMICS BOTH FROM THE ZAIRIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY), GAVE HIGH MARKS TO THE COLLOQUIUM AND COMPLIMENTED AMEMBASSY KIGALI AND THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA FOR THEIR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. THE PROFESSORS WERE ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE THE MEETING AND RADIO RWANDA'S DECISION TO BROADCAST THE PROCEEDINGS.
- 3. DJELO AND LUMPUNGU WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THE DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH THEIR AFRICAN COUNTERPARTS. THEY ATTRIBUTED MUCH OF THE ANIMATED GIVE AND TAKE TO THEIR OWN EFFORTS. CONSEQUENTLY THEY ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE OUTCOME OF THE COLLOQUIUM UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER ITS SUCCESS.

4. BOTH PROFESSORS BELIEVE THAT THIS COLLOQUIUM WILL HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON THE PERCEPTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA. THEY FEEL THAT INTROSPECTIVE EXAMINATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AFRICAN TRADITION WILL LEAD TO DEEPER COMMITTMENTS TO SUCH RIGHTS BY BOTH THE PEOPLE AND

THE GOVERNMENTS OF AFRICA. THUS THEY HOPE MORE COLLOQUIUMS OF
THIS TYPE WILL BE HELD IN OTHER AREAS OF AFRICA.
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